

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

All claims have been renumbered to reflect the correct numbering.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejection

Claims 18 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Both of these claims are canceled without prejudice. Please note that applicants maintain that these claims are supported by the specification as originally filed.

Election/Restriction

Claims 41 through 59 are withdrawn without traverse.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejection

Claims 18 through 40 and 60 through 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogasawara (U.S. Patent No. 6,543,052) in view of Brown (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,822). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Applicants' claim 18, for example, recites that an instruction for browsing the Web is received over a phone network and that the data corresponding to the instruction is delivered through a television network. Ogasawara does not teach or suggest using a phone system and a television system to deliver Web content. Instead, Ogasawara discloses a set-top box that includes Internet functionality. The Ogasawara set-top box communicates Web-browsing instructions with an Internet Service Provider (ISP) over a satellite medium or via cable through the cable provider. Column 3, lines 61-63. Ogasawara's set-top box does not provide Web-browsing instructions over a phone network and does not rely on phone functionality to receive or transmit Web-browsing instructions. Accordingly, Ogasawara cannot disclose the claimed "receiving a voice signal transmitted from a user over a phone network, the voice signal

including an instruction for browsing the Web.” And Brown does not cure the deficiencies in Ogasawara.

Ogasawara does disclose a remote control that can be used as a microphone, speaker, digital camera, and telephone. Column 3, lines 44-51. But using the remote control as a telephone is not the same as providing or receiving Web browsing instructions over a telephone network—as is recited in claim 18. Ogasawara discloses that Internet service providers receive Web browsing instructions through satellite means or cable systems. In essence, Ogasawara discloses that the set-top box acts like a typical home computer when accessing the Internet. The phone capability is an additional feature that does not impact how the set-top box accesses the Internet or how Web-browsing instructions are transferred.

Ogasawara also discloses that the remote control unit can receive and deliver oral commands to the set-top box during Internet shopping. Column 4, lines 29-35. These oral commands are not received over a telephone system. The oral commands merely replace the typical keypad commands that would be relayed from the remote control to the set-top box. That is, Ogasawara’s remote acts as an oral remote control. And the set-top box would receive the Internet shopping commands over typical remote control paths such as infrared (IR) and radio frequency (RF)—not over a telephone system.

In summary, Ogasawara’s remote control does not receive an instruction for browsing the Web over a phone network. Ogasawara’s set-top box does not receive an instruction for browsing the Web over a phone network. And Ogasawara’s ISP does not receive an instruction for browsing the Web over a phone network. Accordingly, Ogasawara does not teach or suggest the claimed limitation of “receiving a voice signal transmitted from a user over a phone network, the voice signal including an instruction for browsing the Web.”

Regarding claims 60 and 61, applicants submit that these claims are also in condition for allowance for similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that no further impediments exist to the allowance of this application and, therefore, solicit an indication of allowability. However, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if any question or comments arise.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

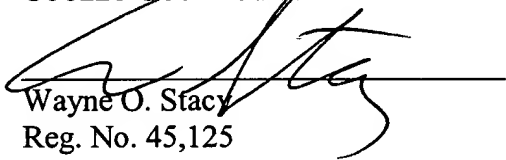
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